

**Abstract**

A matrix card is provided. The matrix card includes a plurality of physical layer devices. Each of the physical layer devices is adapted to support cells of first and second priorities and including a controllable port. The ports are in operative communication  
5 with each other to provide for the transmission of all cells of the first priority from all of the plurality of physical layer devices before transmitting any cells of the second priority from all of the plurality of physical layer devices.

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